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Sen. Allen announces increased funding for LSSU

LANSING – Lake Superior State University is set to receive an increase in state funding under the budget agreement reached between the Legislature and the administration, said Sen. Jason Allen, R- Traverse City.

For Fiscal Year 2007, LSSU will receive a 3.4 percent increase over last year's budget, giving it a per-pupil appropriation of \$4,990.

"This is great news for the university and its students," Allen said. "We are committed to providing our students with the best education possible and the increased funding will provide the needed resources to provide a strong education. This funding is crucial to helping our students be successful and competitive upon graduation."

The budget also includes funding increases for the other 14 public universities, as well as continued funding for the Michigan Tuition Grant Program and the Michigan Merit Scholarship Program.

"I am so pleased that our students will be the beneficiaries of this funding increase and these great scholarships," Allen said. "They are our future and deserve the best when it comes to higher education."

The budget is currently awaiting the governor's final approval, if signed it takes effect Oct. 1.

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